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March 2018

March Madness! If you're into college basketball it's an exciting time. Other perspectives may relate to so much else going on in our world, but there's a lot to relate to in scripture that we can see played out in basketball!

Our world lost an icon of the faith recently when Billy Graham went home. We will hear more about his accomplishments and less about his message than he would want, but the numbers who came to Christ, who found the One to whom he pointed, got the message. It wasn't about Billy Graham or the Association, it was about The One Who can and does save us from eternal death, and brings us joy unspeakable even in this life. Billy Graham's life and ministry was all about Christ, and he tried always to point the way to HIM, and give our Lord Jesus the glory.

I'm not sure where it first came from, but a former boss of mine had a framed expression over his desk that read: "It's amazing what we can do together when nobody cares who gets the credit." Actually, it's even more amazing when the people of God come together and make sure HE gets the credit, and all honor, glory and praise!

So back to March Madness ... it is such a pleasure to watch a "team" where each player contributes their own "gifts and abilities" and no one is focused on him/her self. When one falls, another is there to carry on. Billy Graham has fallen, and entered heaven's hall of fame, but Jesus will never leave us or forsake us (His promise) and the Good News of the Gospel has not changed. "It's not important who does the planting, or who does the watering. What's important is that God makes the seed grow." (1 Corinthians 3:7 NLT)

Hope to see you at the "Discipleship Training" session at Burkeville on March 11<sup>th</sup> at 4:00.p.m. It would be great to see every church represented seeds will be planted. Also, don't forget the Bland Mission Trip coming up April 22-28 ... still need "a few good men!" And, as we journey through this season of Lent, may we all look forward to celebrating Easter and our hope in the risen Christ. Whether planting, watering or reaping, may we live each day for HIM, and remember that only HE can make the seed grow. Let's just do our part, and experience His joy ... together!

Blessings,  
Mike Clay  
SBA Moderator

**SBA Mission Trip to Bland Ministry Center:**

Date: April 22-28

Cost: Very minimum

There is still room for YOU to join us on this trip. Spend a week in the mountains enjoying great fellowship and DOING missions. Contact Leroy Bradshaw or Mike Clay if interested!!

Items to be collected and brought to the SBA Spring Meeting on April 15, 2018 include the following: TOOTHBRUSHES, TOOTHPASTE, FLOSS, COPY PAPER, TOILET PAPER, PAPER TOWELS, STORAGE TOTES, PEANUT BUTTER, MAC & CHEESE, CEREAL AND SOUPS. Thank you in advance for your help with this project.

**COOKBOOKS COOKBOOKS COOKBOOKS STILL ONLY \$15.00!!! A GREAT DEAL!!!**

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**CHURCH NEWS**

**ASH CAMP:** February 11<sup>th</sup> was Women's Sunday. We took a few minutes during the morning service to celebrate our 50<sup>th</sup> year of Ash Camp Preschool. We surprised the founder, Velda Agee, with a resolution and a plaque naming the preschool room where she first taught, "The Velda Agee Room". We also honored Frances Clark with a resolution for the 20 years she served on the preschool committee. Janice Kiehm, BCM minister, was the speaker for worship. We had 100 friends and family at our Valentine dinner. We were served and entertained by the Kingdom Kids. Our winter Bible Study has begun (1, 2, 3 John and Jude) taught by Pastor Ted. We are joining the Associational WOM by collecting items for the upcoming mission trip to Bland Ministry Center.

**BLACKSTONE:** A new Bible study, "The Daniel Plan", will begin on March 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. lead by Gail Williams. This series will last six weeks. We are looking forward to the Men's Impact Weekend at Liberty University in Lynchburg, March 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. Our youth and children are busy practicing their Drum Buckets for their performance on March 18<sup>th</sup> during worship. March 21<sup>st</sup> we will have a joint worship service with Spring Hill Baptist at our church beginning at 7:00 p.m. and Rev. Travis Warren will bring us a message. As we prepare for Easter Sunday, we join the other churches of the community each Wednesday at noon for the Lenten Services and lunch. We will join all churches on March 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:40 a.m. in Seay Park for the blessing of the Palms. On Good Friday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, some members will help with the cross carrying throughout our town.

**BURKEVILLE:** On Sunday, March 11<sup>TH</sup>, we will welcome Michael Wayne Smith to do a concert for our 11:00 a.m. worship service and we will enjoy a fellowship meal following the service. At 4:00 p.m. on the 11<sup>th</sup>, there will be a discipleship training program held in our Fellowship Hall. On Monday, March 12<sup>th</sup> we will begin our Monday morning Bible Study. We will be doing a 10-week study entitled "Encounters with Jesus." On Wednesday, March 28<sup>th</sup> we will host the Crewe/Burkeville Ministerial Association Lenten Service at 12:00 noon. On Saturday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, we will host our annual Easter Egg Hunt from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon.

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**EMPHASIS:** "By All Means"

**WATCHWORD:** "I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some. I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings" I Cor. 9:22b-23.

**Week of Prayer for North American Missions & Annie Armstrong Easter Offering:**

Date: March 4-11

Theme: On Mission HERE & NOW

Materials should have been received from WMUV including prayer guides for bulletin inserts, posters and offering envelopes. Please help by promoting this in each of our churches.

For you, "HERE & NOW" is the neighborhood, job, school, small town, or large city where He has called you. Your call is also unique. Are you seeing the needs with a willingness to love in truth and action? How will you respond "HERE & NOW"? PRAY, GIVE & GO!!

**Journey Toward Hope and Healing Through Grief:**

Date: March 30-31

Place: CrossRoads Camp & Conference Center

Cost: \$115.00 Double or \$145.00 single (includes lodging, three meals and program)

**Mission Craft Retreat:**

Date: April 6-7

Place: CrossRoads Camp & Conference Center

Gather in the mountains in April at CRCC to share craft ideas for mission trips and get new craft ideas for ministry. Plans include making flowers from plastic bottles, night light/table decorations with glass globes and much more. Contact the state office or visit the website for information and registration.

**RA Family Weekend:**

Date: June 1-2

Place: Kings Dominion

Cost: \$50.00 and includes ticket for Kings Dominion program, music and RA Racer

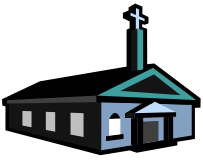
Overnight lodging has been arranged with a block of campsites being held with special rates for tents, campers or motorhomes at Camp Wilderness. Please call 804-876-3006 to make reservations or for more information. You may also contact the WMUV website at [www.wmuv.org/events/ra-family-weekend](http://www.wmuv.org/events/ra-family-weekend)

**Summer Camp at CrossRoads:**

Theme: "Life on the Edge"

Dates: June 11 - July 14

It's time to start planning your summer for the young people in your church. Please visit the WMUV website for information on dates available, cost and registration. It will be a life changing experience for all who attend.



## Church News

**DUNDAS:** February 11<sup>th</sup>, during our “Focus on WMU” program, Bernice Wilkinson was recognized with a certificate and flowers for her 60+ years as a WMU member and holding the office as Secretary/Treasurer for many years. WMU II had a Brunswick Stew sale on Feb. 17<sup>th</sup> to raise money for their mission projects. Brent Lawson joined our church on Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> and his two daughters Reba and Penelope were baptized Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> and joined also. Feb. 21<sup>st</sup> we began a study of the book of Acts for our Bible Study/Prayer Meeting group led by Pastor Jon. Easter services April 1<sup>s</sup> - The Sunrise Service will be held at 7:00 a.m., followed by breakfast in the fellowship hall. The choir will present the cantata, “At The Cross” during the worship service at 11:00 a.m. Praise God we serve a risen and soon coming Savior. Our church will participate in collecting items for the SBA mission trip to the Bland Ministry Center.

**EUREKA:** Headed up by our WMU the whole church is involved in a February love project supplying the Pregnancy Support Center in Farmville with items for newborns to one year old infants. We will complete this ministry with a cake and punch party Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> in our Community House following the 11:00 a.m. service. Our Bible Study class is beginning a new Bible study in understanding the word and faith movement and comparing its teaching to the Bible each Wednesday 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. Our men are making preparation for the East Coast Men’s Bible Conference, March 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> while we continue our youth events keeping our youth involved in God’s Word. The Clarke family will be hosting this months’ event February 25<sup>th</sup> with some food, fellowship and some skeet and target shooting. Our youth is also involved in preparations for summer camp as summer will be here in a blink of an eye. The Lord’s return will be just that fast. Are you ready?

**JONESBORO:** YAY!! We welcomed February knowing that Spring can't be far behind!! Our month opened with a celebration of the Lord's Supper on the first Sunday followed by our Sweetheart Banquet on the second Sunday, Feb. 11<sup>th</sup>, as we gathered following worship to enjoy a delicious meal followed by games, fun, fellowship and LOTS of sweets and chocolates. It was a special celebration of the love that we all share. One of our youngest members, Colby Finch, celebrated his 1<sup>st</sup> birthday on Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> and a big celebration was held on the 17<sup>th</sup> in our fellowship hall. Prayer warriors met following worship on the 18<sup>th</sup> for lunch and prayer retreat. With winter coming to an end in the next few weeks, we decided to make another stew as we gathered on the 24<sup>th</sup> to peel potatoes and onions and start the process. After stirring and working all afternoon the finished product was enjoyed that evening by all who could join us. The remainder was placed in our freezer for later luncheons and to share with folks in our community as the need arose. It was a great working day. Our Sunday School teachers gathered on Sunday morning, the 25<sup>th</sup>, before Sunday School to discuss our needs and suggestions for upcoming events in our Sunday School. We welcomed a Gideon for our Sunday morning worship as he shared the work of the Gideon’s and a love offering was received for purchase of more Bibles for distribution. It was a good month as we anxiously await spring

and all the ways God will reveal himself to us and how we can join Him in His work where He has placed us.

**KENBRIDGE:** The youth and several adults enjoyed lunch and bowling on February 11<sup>TH</sup>. It was a fun time for all. We began on February 14<sup>th</sup> and each Wednesday after until Easter at 12:10 p.m. Lenten Prayer. Bring a sandwich, drink and dessert will be provided. Come join us, all are welcome. Baptist Women's Day was observed February 25<sup>th</sup> with Lynn Hite as our speaker. The ladies and youth lead the service and did a wonderful job. We are emphasizing Global Missions for the months of February and March with a special emphasis each Sunday. We are also supporting the Baptist College Ministries spare change project for the student ministries at Longwood and Hampden-Sydney colleges. Beginning in early March we will be collecting items for the Bland Mission trip in April .

**NOTTOWAY:** A meeting was held on February 25<sup>TH</sup> to decide about a mission opportunity and a fund-raiser for missions. The Annual Easter Celebration and Easter Egg Hunt will be on Mar. 31<sup>st</sup>. The choir will perform the Easter Cantata on Easter Sunday during Morning Worship. Planning for VBS has begun with dates planned for June 25-29, "Game On". A Bible study will be scheduled for the Spring focused around the topic of "Practicing God's Presence".

**PISGAH:** Pisgah mourns the loss of a faithful soul. Howard Simpson departed this life for eternal rest with our Lord and Savior. He will be greatly missed by all. He was known to say, "I know where I'm going. How 'bout you?" May we sincerely and lovingly ask the same of ourselves and all that we meet every day. May we all be ready at the calling of the Most High.

**SHARON:** In February, we enjoyed Super Bowl Sunday after the worship service with a Valentine theme. Our Youth enjoyed bowling and pizza on Feb. 18<sup>th</sup>. We had a Clean Up Day at our church on Feb. 24<sup>th</sup>. We are collection items for two ministries: Matthew 25 and Bland Ministry. Spring seems to be moving in at the present and we say “Welcome!” God bless each of you in the Lent season as we look forward to Easter.

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If you’ve got pain, He’s a pain taker  
 If you feel lost, He’s a way maker  
 If you need freedom or saving  
 He’s a prison-shaking Savior  
 If you’ve got chains, He’s a chain breaker

From the song “Chain Breaker” by Zach Williams

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**RETURN SERVICE REQUEST**

**Associational Calendar**

**March**

- 4-11 Week of Prayer North American Missions  
Annie Armstrong Offering
- 6 SBA Pastor's Meeting, Blackstone Baptist Church, 11:00 a.m.
- 11 SBA Discipleship Training, Burkeville Baptist Church 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.  
Guest speaker : Greg McCormick, pastor Woodland Baptist Church.
- 13 SBA Joy Group Meeting at Crewe Baptist Church, 12:00 noon.
- 20 SBA Executive Board Meeting at Pisgah Baptist Church, 6:00 p.m.

**April**

- 1 Easter
- 2 Easter Monday – SBA Office will be closed.
- 3 (Tuesday) SBA Pastor's Meeting – Pisgah Baptist Church, at 11:00 a.m.
- 13-15 CBF Mission Madness: Central Baptist Church, Richmond, VA.
- 15 SBA Spring Meeting, Sharon Baptist Church, 3:00 p.m. Please bring: BCM offering jars.  
SBA Offering envelopes for all the churches will be available at this meeting.
- 22-28 SBA Bland Mission Trip
- 27-28 Mom & Me I, Eagle Eyrie
- 28-29 Mom & Me II, Eagle Eyrie



***PRAYER REQUESTS:***

The twenty-three churches in our SBA Association. The Baptist Collegiate Ministries. Rev. Janice Kiehm, Minister.  
Rev. & Mrs. Ted Smith and family (Ben and Michelle), Ash Camp Baptist Church.  
Mrs. Sylvia Bradshaw, SBA WMU Director and a member of Jonesboro Baptist Church.  
Rev. James Allcock, at Woodland, Brantley Unit, Room #105. He is a member of Heritage Baptist Church.  
Mr. W. Earl Southall, member of Drakes Branch Baptist Church.

The following churches in the Southside Baptist Association seeking a pastor:  
Bagby Memorial Church  
Heritage Baptist Church  
Victoria Baptist Church.

